

State Reporting User Manual 2005

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Title II On-Line State Reporting User Manual

A. Background Information and Introduction

In October 1998, Congress voiced its concern for the quality of teacher preparation by enacting Title II of the Higher Education Act (HEA). Title II authorizes federal grant programs that support the efforts of states, institutions of higher education, and their school district partners to improve the recruitment, preparation, and support of new teachers. Title II also includes accountability measures in the form of reporting requirements for institutions and states on teacher preparation and licensing.

The data that will be provided annually by institutions and states represent one way we can begin to measure the success of teacher education programs and state efforts to improve teacher quality. It is the hope of the U.S. Department of Education, and the desire of Congress, that institutions and states use the reports in meaningful ways to improve teacher education in America.

Section 207 of Title II requires the annual preparation and submission of three reports on teacher preparation and licensing: one from institutions to states, a second from states to the U.S. Secretary of Education, and a third from the Secretary to Congress and the public. This manual addresses the online system developed by Westat to facilitate the completion of the state survey. The on-line survey is an electronic version of Appendix D in the *Reference and Reporting Guide*. You can access the State Reporting System (SRS) on the Reporting page of the Title II web site, **www.title2.org**.

As you know, the survey uses elements from different points in time. For example, certification requirements are based on the most current information available, while the pass rates are based on the 2003-2004 academic year. We have included a reference table (*see Table A.1.*) showing each survey section and the corresponding data collection year/cycle.

This system was created and developed with the user in mind. We have attempted to make this process as clear and simple as possible. If you experience any difficulties using this system, please call or email your state Westat contact as listed in *Table A.2*.

Table A.1. Data Collection Year/Cycle

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Section	Page(s)	Item	Year		
I.a I.d.	48-53	Description of certification/licenses	Most current state regulations		
I.e.	53-55	Specific assessment requirements	Academic year 2003-2004		
I.f.	55	Provisions for persons teaching without full certification/licensure	Most current state regulations		
П	55-58	State standards	Most current state regulations/policies		
III	58-64	Institutional and state pass rates	Academic year 2003-2004 Updates for academic year 2000-01		
IV	65	Description for assessing performance of teacher preparation programs	Most current state regulations/policies		
V	65	Low performing	Most current review cycle		
VI	66	Waivers	School year 2004-2005 (Should be a full-year count)		
VII.a VII.b.	67	Alternative route programs	Most current state regulations/policies		
VII.c.	68-70	Alternative route pass rates	Academic year 2003-2004 Updates for academic year 2000-01		

Table A.2 Westat Contacts

Table A.2 W	estat Comacts	,			
			ate Contacts		
		1	800-937-8281		
Tamara Morse Azar		Darcy Pietryka		Elizabeth Buckland	
Ext.	5102	Ext. 4895		Ext. 2304	
tamaraazar@westat.com		darcypietryka@westat.com		elizabethbuckland@westat.com	
Alabama	Hawaii	Maryland	New Jersey	South Carolina	Wyoming
Alaska	Idaho	Massachusetts	New Mexico	South Dakota	Wisconsin
Arizona	Illinois	Michigan	New York	Tennessee	American Samoa
Arkansas	Indiana	Minnesota	North Carolina	Texas	Federated States
California	Iowa	Mississippi	North Dakota	Utah	of Micronesia
Colorado	Kansas	Missouri	Ohio	Vermont	Guam
Connecticut	Kentucky	Montana	Oklahoma	Virginia	Northern Marianas
Delaware	Louisiana	Nebraska	Oregon	Washington	Puerto Rico
Florida	Maine	Nevada	Pennsylvania	West Virginia	US Virgin Islands
Georgia		New Hampshire	Rhode Island		

B. Security

For security purposes, generally, only one User ID and password will be distributed to each state. If your state chooses to use multiple accounts, it is the states' responsibility to ensure that multiple users will not access and overwrite each others data. Data are stored on a secure database running on a secure operating system and are accessible only by use of your User ID and password. Therefore, users (states) are prevented from viewing other users' (states') data.

The SRS will automatically log the user off the system after 20 minutes of inactivity (activity includes clicking the mouse on the page, typing in text boxes, saving the page, etc.). A time-out warning will notify you that your session is about to expire (*see Figure B.1*). If you do not save your data or if inactivity continues, your session will time out, and you will need to log back into the system. Be sure to **save any data** or survey responses at least **every 15 minutes** to avoid losing them.

Save your data at least every 15 minutes!

Figure B.1. Time-Out Warning

Microsoft Internet Explorer

Your session is about to expire due to inactivity. Please save your changes before they are lost.

OK

C. Logging In and Logging Out

To log in to the on-line Title II State Reporting System (SRS), follow these steps:

- 1. Go to the homepage of the Title II web site at www.title2.org.
- 2. Click on the **Reporting** button.
- 3. From the Reporting page, click on the link **Report Your Data On-line!**

This will bring you to the Quality of Teacher Preparation State Reporting System login page (*see Figure C.1.*). Type the User ID and password given to you by Westat and click on the **Continue** button. You can also use the tab key and tab to the **Continue** button and press **Enter**.

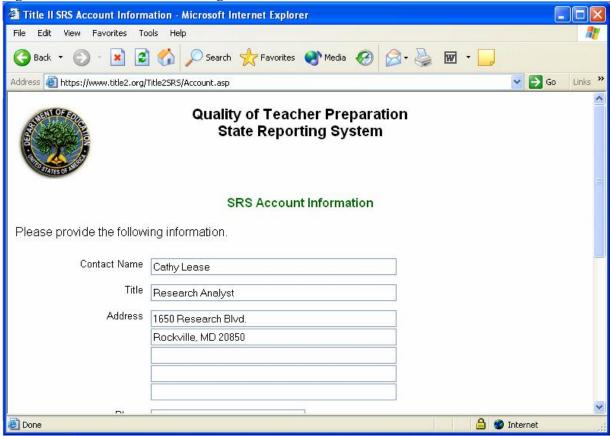
Figure C.1. Login Screen Title II - State Reporting System - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help 🔾 Back 🔻 🕞 🔻 🙎 🏠 🔎 Search 🧙 Favorites 🚱 🍃 👿 🔻 Address 虧 http://www.title2.org/title2srs/ 🗸 🕞 Go **Quality of Teacher Preparation State Reporting System** Log In This is a United States Department of Education computer system, which may be accessed and used only for official Government business by authorized personnel. Unauthorized access or use of this computer system may subject violators to criminal, civil, and/or administrative action This system contains personal information protected under the provisions of the Privacy Act of 1974, 5 U.S.C. § 552a -- as amended. Violations of the provisions of the Act may Enter your username and password to continue Username: Password: Continue Quality of Teacher Preparation Title II, Higher Education Act
OMB Control No.: 1840-0744 (Exp. 06/30/2006) Done Internet

The First time you log into the SRS, you will be prompted to change your password (*see Figure C.2.*). The following requirements must be met in order for your new password to be accepted:

- The new password must be 8-12 characters in length;
- Your User ID cannot be part of your password;
- The new password must contain at least one letter;
- The new password must contain at least one number.

For example, a User ID of Jonesb and password of Westat11 would be acceptable.

Figure C.2. Initial Password Change



After you have successfully changed your password, click on one of the four buttons at the bottom of the screen to proceed (See Part D. System Features for help with the buttons).

During subsequent log-ins, if you enter an incorrect User ID and/or password, you will see a message stating, "The username/password supplied is incorrect. Please check it before trying again." You may then re-enter the correct User ID and password to log in.

For security purposes, if you enter an incorrect User ID and/or password five times, you will be locked out of your account. This means **you will not be able to access your account**. You must contact Westat to unlock your account.

If you do not remember your User ID and/or password, contact Westat. You will be issued a new User ID and/or password.

In the bottom right-hand corner of each page, you will see a link called **Log Out** (*see Figure C.3.*). Click on this link when you want to log out of the system. This will return you to the Login Page.

Figure C.3. Log Out 🗿 Title II SRS Section III - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help 🔾 Back 🔻 🖹 🙎 🏠 🔎 Search 🦟 Favorites 🚱 🍃 Address a http://www.title2.org/title2srs/Section3ab.asp In addition to the above questions, this section contains six tables, D1 through D4, D1a and D2a. You may create the tables and upload them, or you can create them here. Once created, by either method, you can edit their contents here. Note that uploading the files a second time will over-write any edits you make here. To edit a table, please select it from the following menu: D1 State-Level Single-Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution D2 State-Level Aggregate and Summary Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution. D3 State-Level Single-Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Outside of Institutions of Higher Education, by Program D4 State-Level Aggregate and Summary Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Outside of Institutions of Higher Education, by Program D1.a-D2.a 3rd Year Cohort Update. Traditional Route Pass Rates for the 1999-2000 Academic Year To edit a table, please select it from the following menu: D1.a State-Level Single-Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution D2.a State-Level Aggregate and Summary Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution Westate, 2005 Quality of Teacher Preparation Contact Us Title II, Higher Education Act Glossary OMB Control No.: 1840-0744 (Exp. 06/30/2006) Log Out Done Internet

D. System Features

The following features are found throughout the SRS: radio buttons, text boxes, check boxes, the Edit List feature, and buttons.

Radio buttons. You may choose only ONE response when using radio buttons. To select a radio button, simply click on it with your mouse. Once a radio button is selected, the only way to deselect it is to choose another radio button in that response.

<u>Text boxes</u>. Single-line text boxes are usually limited to the size of the displayed box. There is no character limit on multi-line text boxes, but we encourage you to **be brief, concise, and to the point when entering text**. When referencing a separate document, please refer to the document title in the text box, rather than copying the entire document into it. Email the actual document to us at **title2@westat.com**. When referencing a web address, include the entire address (including "http://"). (See Figure D.1. for an example of radio buttons and text boxes.)

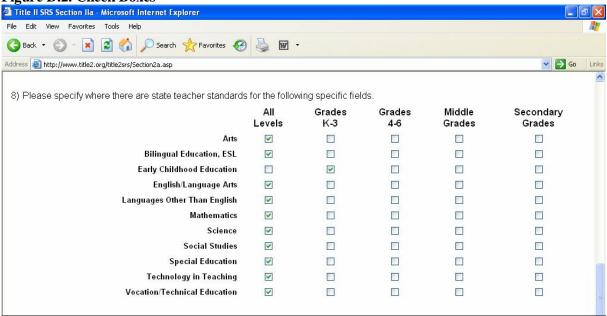
Figure D.1. Radio Buttons and Text Boxes Title II SRS Section IV - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help 💌 💈 🏠 🔎 Search 🦟 Favorites 📦 Media V 🕞 Go Address & http://demo.westat.com/title2srs/Section4.asp **Quality of Teacher Preparation** State Reporting System Section IV Description of criteria for assessing the performance of teacher preparation programs within institutions in the state. (Based on your state's most current regulations and policies) 5 Questions 1) Has the state implemented criteria for assessing teacher preparation program performance? Yes O No Implementation Date (mm/dd/yyyy) Text boxes Not applicable List the entities involved in implementation. Local intranet Done

Radio

buttons

<u>Check boxes</u>. You may choose more than one check box in a single response (*see Figure D.2.*). To select a check box, simply click your mouse in the box (or using the Tab key, tab to the box and press the space bar). To deselect a box, click your mouse in the box (or press the space bar) again.

Figure D.2. Check Boxes



Edit list. This year, we have preloaded most of your responses from last year. If your answers have not changed, you do not need to submit new responses. However, if you do need to update information, you will need to use the Edit List feature, found throughout the SRS (*see Figure D.3.*).

Even if your answers have not changed from last year, we strongly recommend vou review them!

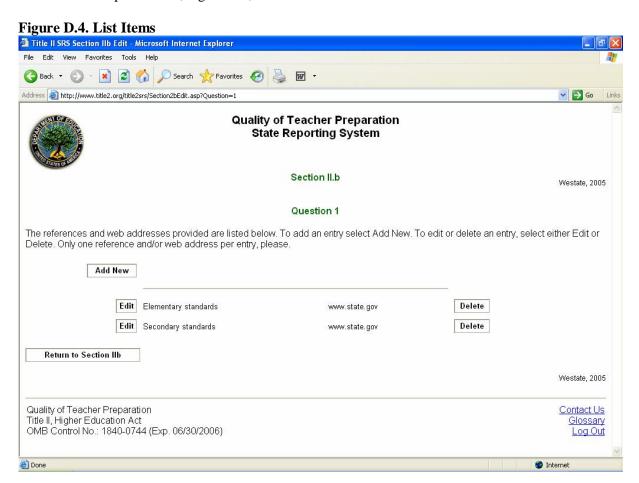
Figure D.3. Edit List Feature Title II SRS Section IIb - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help Address Addres ✓ → Go Current policy processes and status 9 Questions 1) Has the state established content standards for K-12 students? Description State Student Standards Yes O No Not applicable Please provide references and web addresses (if any). Those provided are listed below. To add, delete or modify them press "Edit List". Edit List Elementary standards www.state.gov Secondary standards www.state.gov 2) Has the state developed standards that prospective teachers must meet in order to attain initial teacher certification or licensure? Yes Description State Teacher Standards O No O Not applicable Please provide references and web addresses (if any). Those provided are listed below. To

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In order to make changes to a list, click on the **Edit List** button to the left of the list you want to edit. You will then see all of the items in the list (*see Figure D.4.*). To add a new item to the list, click on the **Add New** button located to the top and left of the list. To make changes to an item, click on the **Edit** button located to the left of the list item and make any necessary changes. To delete an item from the list, click on the **Delete** button located to the right of the list item. You will see an alert box asking if you are sure you want to delete this item. Click on **OK** to delete the item, or click on **Cancel** if you do not want to delete the item.

Some Edit List features ask for a Web Address and/or Reference. Enter a web address (including "http://">http://">http://") if there is a related or corresponding web site or page. Enter a document reference to direct a reader to a state publication, legislation, etc.



Buttons. At the bottom of each survey section, you will find one or more buttons. Please make special note of the following four buttons: **Save and Stay**, **Save and Exit**, **Reset**, and **Exit Without Saving**. A description of each is below.

Save and Stay: This will save data in the section and you will remain in that section. If you are

working on the same section for a lengthy period of time, it is recommended that you save your data at least every 15 minutes (see Part B. Security). Use this

button to save your data periodically as you work through a section.

Save and Exit: This will save data in the section and will return you to the previous page or

menu. Use this button when you want to exit a survey section. (If you have not completed the section, you can return to it later and your data will be saved.)

Reset:

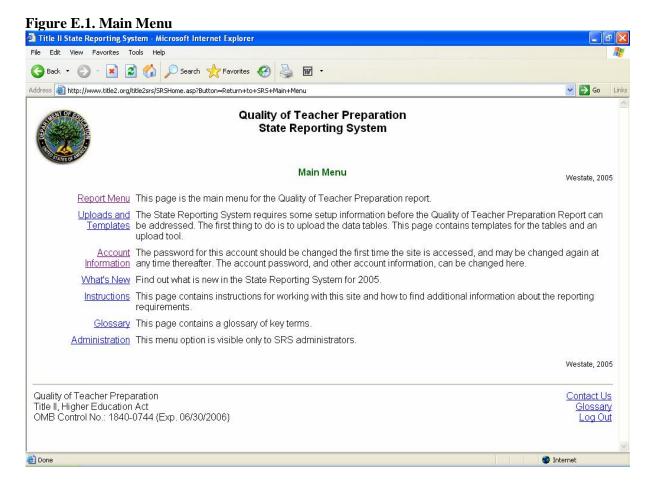
This will reset all fields in the section to their last saved value. For example, if you make changes to a saved section but do not want to save the changes, use the **Reset** button. This will return the section to how it appeared the last time you saved it.

Exit Without Saving: This will return you to the previous page or menu. Any changes made to the page since it was last saved will not be saved.

<u>Check Spelling.</u> A spell-check feature has been added to the report sections. If you would like a section to be checked for spelling, please hit the button at the bottom of the page marked, "Check Spelling." A new window will open and will list any potential spelling errors as well as suggested replacements. This feature is similar to those used in word processing programs. In order for the spell-check feature to work properly, your browser must allow pop-up windows. Please disable any pop-up blockers to use this feature.

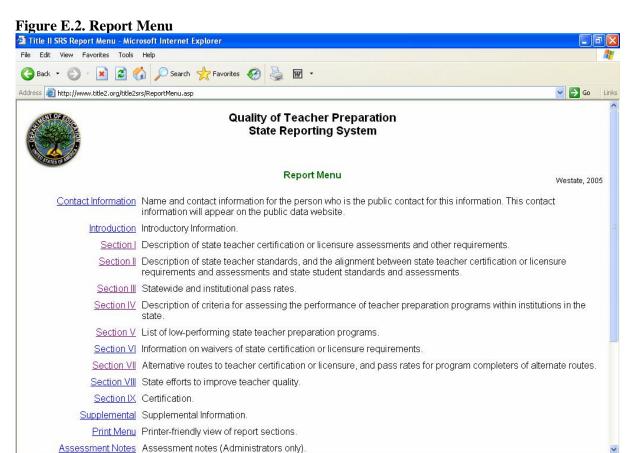
E. Main Menu

Once you log into the SRS, you will see the Main Menu page (*see Figure E.1.*). From this page, you can access the Report Menu, Uploads and Templates, Account Information, and Instructions for using the SRS. You can also find out What's New in the system this year and access the Glossary. These menu items are listed on the left-hand side of the screen, with a description to the right.



E.1. Report Menu

The Report Menu is the central menu for the Quality of Teacher Preparation report. From the Main Menu page, click on **Report Menu**. On the Report Menu page (*see Figure E.2.*), you will see links and descriptions for Contact Information and each section of the report.



E.1.a. Contact Information

The individual listed in the Contact Information section (*See Figure E.3.*) will be presented as the state contact for members of the public who would like more information. The fields are fairly self-explanatory. If you need assistance entering or updating this information, contact Westat. The Title II State Coordinator may change or update this information at any time. Once you have entered information in the Contact Information section, choose the appropriate button (Exit Without Saving, Reset, Save and Stay, Save and Exit) at the bottom of the page (*see Part D. System Features*).

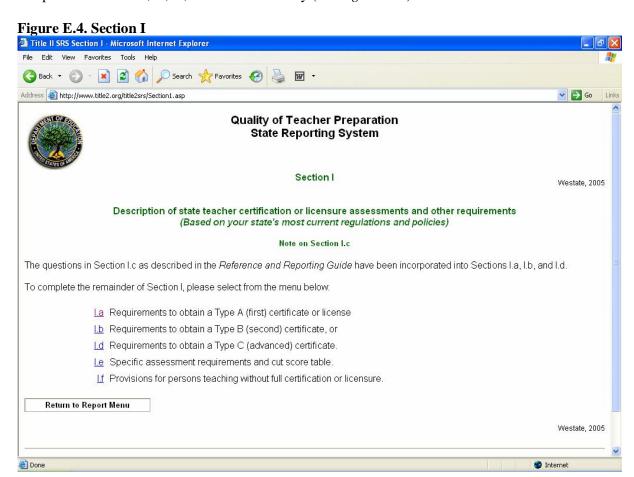
Figure E.3. Contact Information Title II SRS Point of Contact - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help 🔾 Back 🔻 💮 🔻 🙎 🏠 🔎 Search 🤺 Favorites 🚱 Address <equation-block> http://www.title2.org/title2srs/POC.asp Go Links **Quality of Teacher Preparation State Reporting System** Contact Information Westate, 2005 Please provide the following contact information for Westate: First Name: Allison Last Name: Henderson Title: Project Director Agency: Westat Address: 1650 Research Blvd. City: Rockville State: MD Zip: 20850 -Telephone Number: 877-684-8535 Fax Number: 301-294-4475 Email Address: title2@westat.com Website Address: Internet Done

E.1.b. Section I: Description of State Teacher Certification or Licensure Assessments and Other Requirements

Please note that the questions in Section I.c. of the Reference and Reporting Guide have been incorporated into Sections I.a., I.b., and I.d. of the on-line survey.

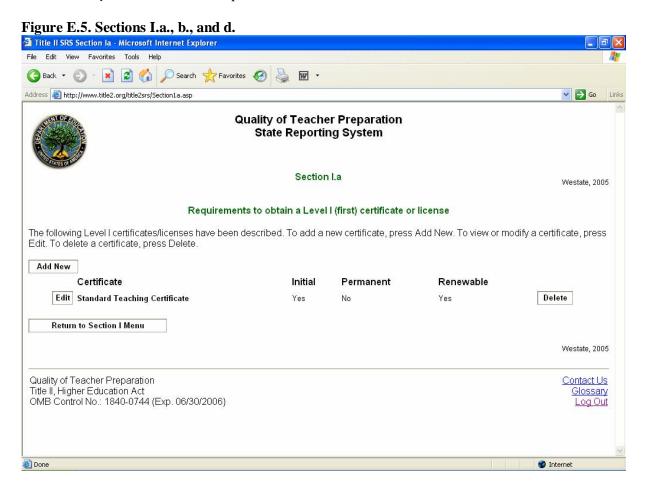
E.1.b.1. Section I.a., b., & d.: Requirements to Obtain Level I, II, and III Certificates

From the Report Menu page, click on the link for **Section I**. From the Section I page, you can complete Sections I.a., b., d., e. & f. of the survey (*see Figure E.4.*).



Click on the appropriate link to complete **Sections I.a., b. & d.** In these sections (*see Figure E.5.*), you are asked to list the requirements to obtain a Level I (first), Level II (second), and Level III (advanced) certificate or license. These fields are pre-filled with information your state Title II Coordinator entered during the last reporting year. Please review these entries carefully and update them as necessary. Information in this section should be based on your state's most current regulations and policies.

See Part D. System Features for help with the Edit List feature.



E.1.b.2. Section I.e.: Specific Assessment Requirements and Cut Score Table

From the Section I page, click on the appropriate link to complete **Section I.e**. This section, Specific Assessment Requirements, includes information on entry and exit requirements and an assessment cut score table (*see Figure E.6.*).

Figure E.6. Section I.e.



To complete the requirement information, click on the **Requirements** link. You will see all of your state institutions and assessments listed (*see Figure E.7.*). Indicate if each assessment is required for entry and/or exit at each institution by selecting the appropriate check boxes on the right-hand side of the page.

You may use the select boxes at the top of the page to limit what is shown on the page at one time. You may choose to view the following:

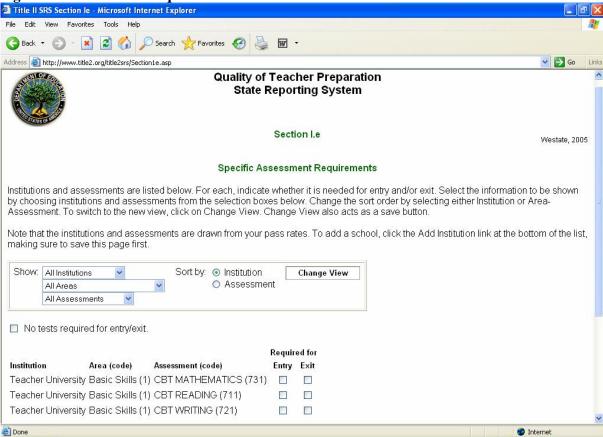
- all or specific institutions,
- all or specific assessment content areas, or
- all or specific assessments.

You may also sort the information by institution or assessment. To do this, select the appropriate radio button (**Institution** or **Area-Assessment**).

After you have made your selections, click on the **Change View** button. After you have selected the appropriate check boxes to indicate if the assessment is required for entry or exit at that institution,

choose the appropriate button at the bottom of the page: Save and Stay, Save and Exit, Reset, Exit Without Saving (see Part D. System Features).

Figure E.7. Section I.e. Requirements



To complete the Section I.e. table, click on the **Table** link on the Section I.e. page (*see Figure E.6.*). This section will not be populated until your pass rate files have been uploaded.

Test area and assessment name will be preloaded on the screen from the pass rate files.

For each test reported in your pass rate files, please provide the state minimum cut score and the possible lowest and highest score.

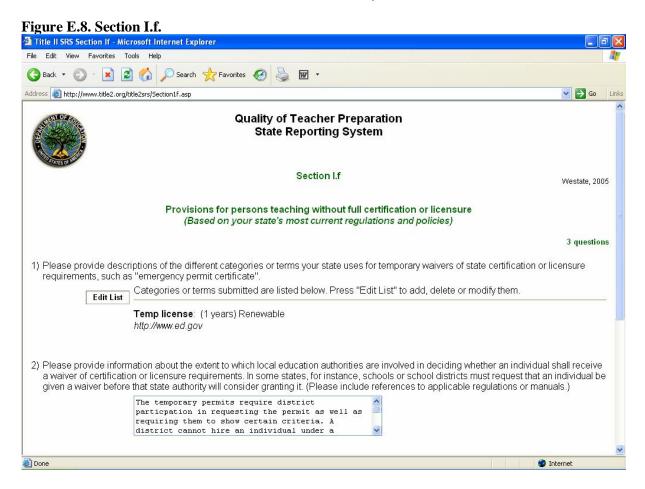
You may add an assessment by clicking on the "Add Assessment" link at the bottom of the page.

When you click on this link, you will need to enter area code, assessment code, and assessment name. Choose the appropriate button at the end of the page to return to the Section I.e page.

Information in Section I.e. should be based on the 2003-2004 academic year.

E.1.b.3. Section I.f.: Provisions for Persons Teaching Without Full Certification or Licensure

From the Section I page, click on the appropriate link for **Section I.f.** (*see Figure E.8.*). Information in this section should be based on your state's most current regulations and policies. For help with the Edit List feature, text boxes, and check boxes, *see Part D. System Features*.



E.1.c. Section II: Description of State Teacher Standards, and the Alignment Between State Teacher Certification or Licensure Requirements and Assessments and State Student Standards and Assessments

Section II (*see Figure E.9.*) is divided into two parts. The first part asks about standards and criteria; the second is regarding policy. Select the appropriate link to complete **Section II.a.** or **Section II.b.** Information in both sections should be based on your state's most current regulations and policies. For help with the Edit List feature, radio buttons, text boxes, and check boxes, *see Part D. System Features*.

Figure E.9. Section II Title II SRS Section II - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help 🔾 Back 🔻 🕞 - 💌 💈 🏠 🔎 Search 🦖 Favorites 🚱 💺 Address a http://www.title2.org/title2srs/Section2.asp **Quality of Teacher Preparation** State Reporting System Section II Westate, 2005 Description of state teacher standards, and the alignment between state teacher certification or licensure requirements and assessments and state student standards and assessments (Based on your state's most current regulations and policies) This section is divided into two parts. The first part asks about standards and criteria. The second part is about policy. Please select from the following two choices: Section II.a State teacher standards and criteria for certification or licensure Section II.b Current policy processes and status Return to Report Menu Westate, 2005 Quality of Teacher Preparation Contact Us Title II, Higher Education Act Glossary OMB Control No.: 1840-0744 (Exp. 06/30/2006) Log Out

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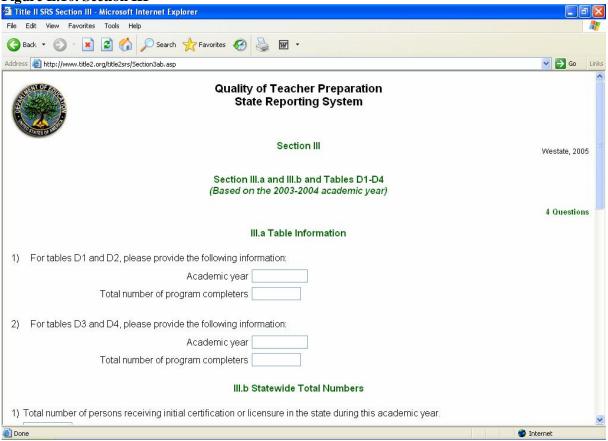
E.1.d. Section III: Statewide and Institutional Pass Rates

From the Report Menu page, click on the link for **Section III** (*see Figure E.10*.). New information and data in this section should be based on the 2003-2004 academic year (Section III.a, Section III.b, Tables D1-D4). You must also report updated pass rate data for your 2000-2001 cohort (Tables D1.a-D2.a). You are required to submit data based on information available in the third year of a cohort (3rd Year Cohort Update). This section includes Tables D1-D4 and Tables D1.a-D2.a; table descriptions are as follows:

- D1: State-Level Single Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution
- D2: State-Level Aggregate and Summary Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution
- D3: State-Level Single Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs
 Outside of Institutions of Higher Education, by Program
- D4: State-Level Aggregate and Summary Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Outside of Institutions of Higher Education, by Program
- D1.a: State-Level Single-Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution
- D2.a: State-Level Aggregate and Summary Assessment Pass-Rate Data for Regular Teacher Preparation Programs Within Institutions of Higher Education, by Institution

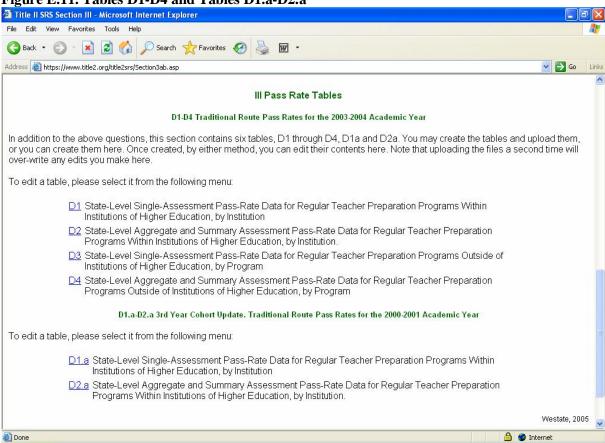
Complete Sections III.a. and III.b. at the top of the page. Be sure to save your work before moving on to the tables, which are located lower on the page.

Figure E.10. Section III

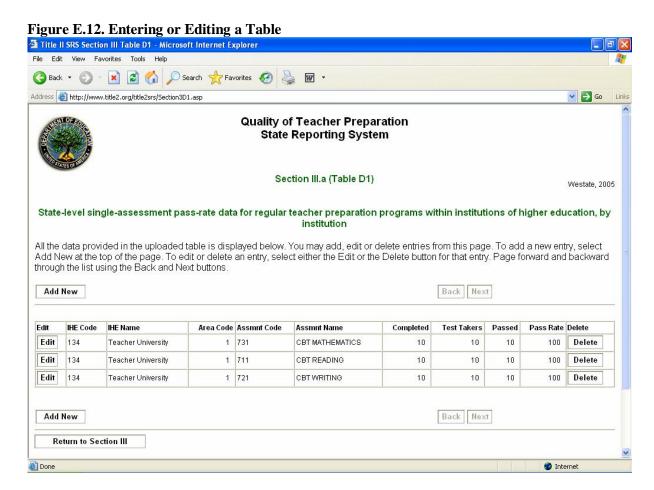


After saving Sections III.a. and III.b., scroll down the page to complete Tables D1-D4 and Tables D1.a-D2.a (*see Figure E.11*.). You may download, complete, and upload the tables using the Templates and Uploads feature on the Main Menu (*see Part E.2. Templates and Uploads*) or you may enter the data for these tables here. After the tables are created (whether uploaded or entered here), you can then access and edit the tables using the links on this page.

Figure E.11. Tables D1-D4 and Tables D1.a-D2.a



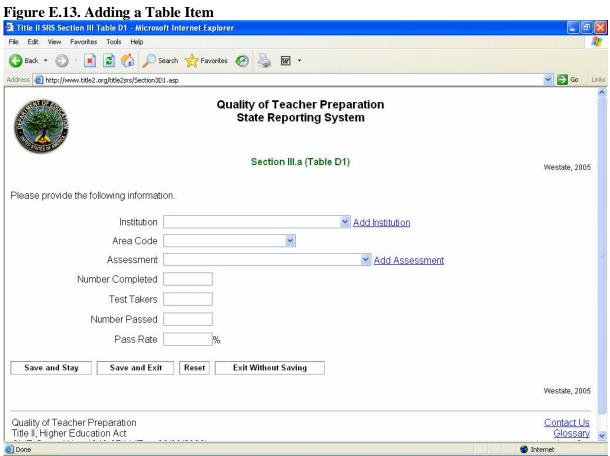
Click on the appropriate link for the table you want to edit or enter. If the table has been previously uploaded, you will see the table entries listed (*see Figure E.12*.). If the table has not been uploaded, you will see the table header only.



To add a new table entry, click on the **Add New** button. This will take you to another screen. Depending on the table you are editing or entering, you will see drop-down lists and links for Add Institution, Add Assessment, and Add Program (*see Figure E.13.*). Click on a link to add information or choose the appropriate item from the associated drop down list. *See Part D. System Features* for help with text boxes and the buttons at the bottom of the screen.

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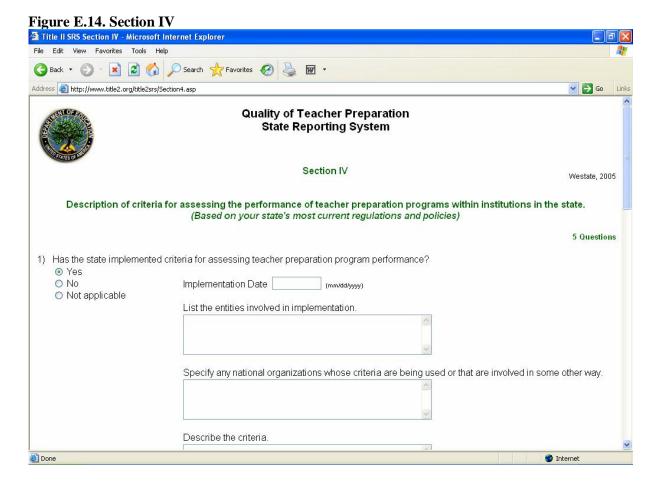
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E.1.e. Section IV: Description of Criteria for Assessing the Performance of Teacher Preparation Programs within Institutions in the State

From the Report Menu, click on the link for **Section IV** (see Figure E.14.). Information in this section should be based on your state's most current regulations and policies. See Part D. System Features for help with radio buttons, text boxes, and the Edit List feature. Please be concise and brief when entering data in text boxes. If you have a large amount of text to enter, you may email us a separate document (at **title2@westat.com**) and refer to the document in the text box. You may also refer to Web addresses in the text boxes.

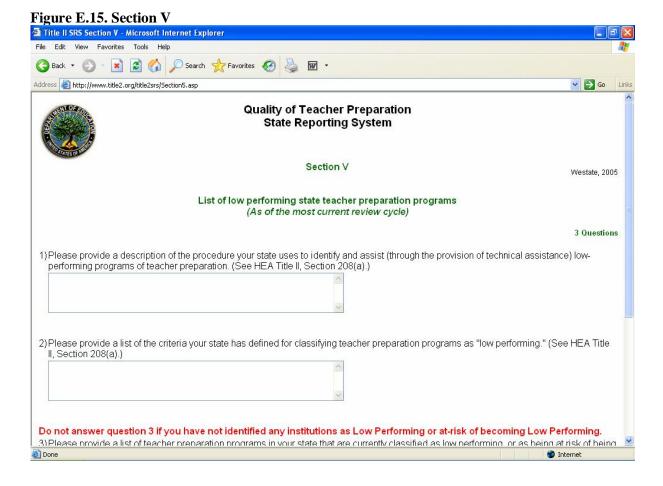
Please note that in question #1, if you answer **Yes**, you must enter an Implementation Date. If you answer **No**, you cannot enter an Implementation Date. When entering a valid Implementation Date, be sure to use this format: mm/dd/yyyy.



E.1.f. Section V: List of Low Performing State Teacher Preparation Programs

From the Report Menu, click on the link for **Section V** (*see Figure E.15*.). Items in this section should be answered with information as of the most current review cycle. *See Part D. System Features* for help with text boxes and the Edit List feature. Please be concise and brief when entering data in text boxes. If you have a large amount of text to enter, you may email us a separate document (at **title2@westat.com**) and refer to the document in the text box. You may also refer to Web addresses in the text boxes.

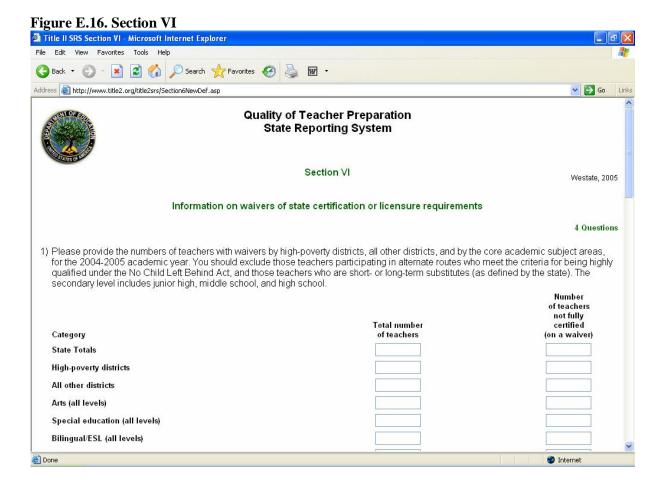
In Question 3, when adding a new teacher preparation program, use this date format: mm/dd/yyyy. If you do not follow this format, you will see an alert box stating that the date is invalid. Do not answer Question 3 if you have not identified any institutions as Low Performing or at-risk of becoming Low Performing.



E.1.g. Section VI: Information on Waivers of State Certification or Licensure Requirements

From the Report Menu, click on the link for **Section VI** (*see Figure E.16.*). Note that question 1 asks for data for the 2004-2005 reporting cycle. You should exclude those teachers participating in alternate routes who meet the criteria for being highly qualified under the *No Child Left Behind Act*, and those teachers who are short- or long-term substitutes (as defined by the state). The categories found in Section VI include those subjects defined as "core academic subjects" by the *No Child Left Behind Act*. In question 2, be sure to enter the data collection dates in this format: mm/dd/yyyy. Wavier data is now collected only as a full-year count.

See Part D. System Features for help with text boxes, the Edit List feature, and radio buttons.



E.1.h. Section VII: Alternative Routes to Teacher Certification or Licensure, and Pass Rates for Program Completers of Alternative Routes

From the Report Menu, click on the link for **Section VII** (*see Figure E.17.*). After completing Question 1, save this section before moving on.

Save Section VII after completing question 1 and before moving on to the remainder of the section. Please note that links for Sections VII.a., VII.b., and VII.c. (Tables D5, D6, D5.a, and D6.a) are located on the same page as Section VII, Question 1. You will see them as you scroll down the page.

Figure E.17. Section VII 🗿 Title II SRS Section VII - Microsoft Internet Explorer File Edit View Favorites Tools Help 🕝 Back 🔻 🔘 - 💌 💈 🏠 🔎 Search 🬟 Favorites 🥝 Address a http://www.title2.org/title2srs/Section7.asp Go Links **Quality of Teacher Preparation** State Reporting System Section VII Westate, 2005 Alternative routes to teacher certification or licensure, and pass rates for program completers of alternate routes. 1 Question 1) For tables D5 and D6, please provide the following information: Academic year Total number of program completers Save and Stay Save and Exit Reset **Exit Without Saving** Warning: Save any changes before proceeding to Section VII a-c. Section VII is divided into three parts. Part a covers reference information on alternative routes. Part b is a comprehensive description of each route. Part c is comprised of the two tables required by this section. As with earlier tables, the tables in this section may either be uploaded or created here, and in either case may be edited here Please select from the following: Section Alternative Certification Status VII.a

The remainder of Section VII is divided into several parts. Section VII.a deals with alternative certification status. Section VII.b collects descriptions of alternative routes. Section VII.c is comprised of Tables D5, D6, D5.a, and D6.a and collects pass rate data for alternative routes.

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To complete **Section VII.a.**, click on the appropriate link. Information in this section should be based on your state's most current regulations and policies. *See Part D. System Features* for help using radio buttons and the Edit List feature.

To complete **Section VII.b.**, click on the appropriate link. Here, you will describe each alternative route to certification, based on your state's most current regulations and policies. If your state Title II Coordinator entered this information for the last reporting year, this data will be pre-filled. To add data

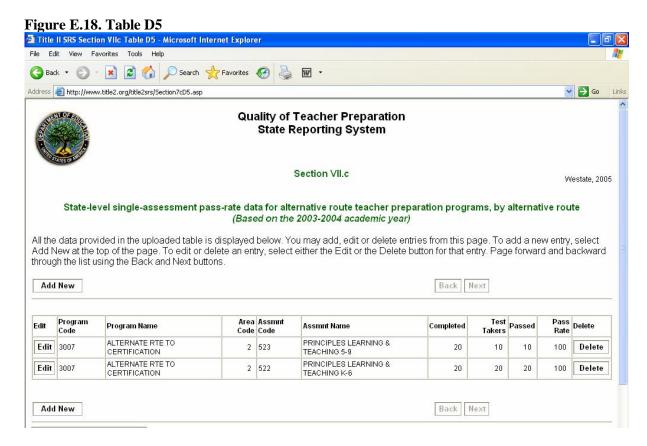
for a route, click on the **Add New** button. To edit a route already listed, click on the **Edit** button. To delete a route, click on the **Delete** button.

For each alternative route, please provide the following information:

- Alternative route or program name
- Recruitment details
- Selection process description
- Program of study
- Practice teaching details and hours
- Assessments required
- Private support details
- Names of institutions or entities offering the program
- Administration details

Question 10 of Section VII.b. lists institutions offering each alternative route. This list is automatically generated after Tables D1 and D2 have been entered. To add an institution, click on the Add Institution link.

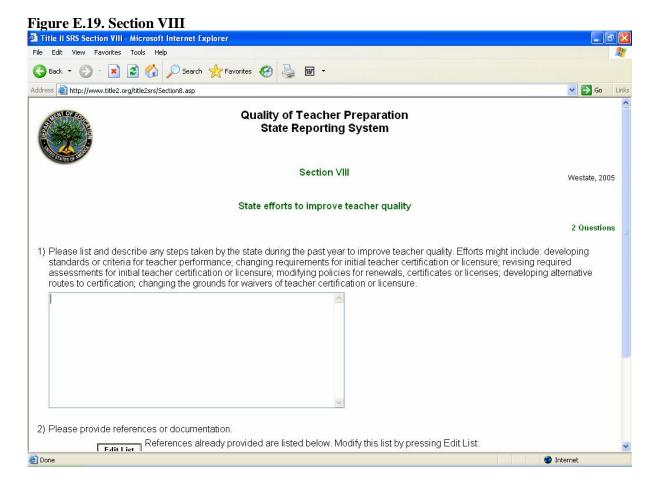
To complete **Section VII.c** (Tables D5, D6, D5.a, D6.a), click on the appropriate link. If the table has been previously uploaded, you will see the table entries listed (*see Figure E.18*.). If the table has not been uploaded, you will see the table header only. To add a table entry, click on the **Add New** button. Depending on the table you are editing, you will see drop-down lists and links for Add Program and Add Assessment (*see Figure E.13*.). Click on a link to add information or choose the appropriate item from the associated drop down list. *See Part D. System Features* for help with text boxes and the buttons at the bottom of the screen. If you have more than one entry to add, click on the **Save and Stay** button at the bottom of the page and enter the data for your next item.



If the table has been previously uploaded, review the data and edit it as necessary. To edit an entry, click on the **Edit** button to the left of the entry. To delete an entry, click on the **Delete** button to the right of the entry. You will see an alert box asking if you really want to delete the entry. To go ahead and delete the entry, click on **OK**. If you do not want to delete the entry, click on **Cancel**. If the table is more than one page, use the **Next** and **Back** buttons at the top of the table to page forward and backward. These buttons will appear gray and be inoperable if the table is only one page.

E.1.i. Section VIII: State Efforts to Improve Teacher Quality

From the Report Menu, click on the link for **Section VIII** (*see Figure E.19.*). Question 1 of Section VIII should be pre-filled with information entered during the previous reporting year. Please review this information and edit it as necessary. Please be as concise as possible when entering or editing text. If you have large amounts of text to enter, you may refer to a separate document in the text box and email the document to us at **title2@westat.com**. For question 2, please *see Part D. System Features* for help with the Edit List feature.



E.1.j. Section IX: Certification

From the Report Menu, click on the link for **Section IX**. Upon entering this section, the SRS will run a check to be sure the report is complete. If the report is not complete, the system will present a list of questions that have been left unanswered (*see Figure E.20*.).

Data editing features have been implemented to assist you in ensuring the quality and accuracy of the information being reporting. For example, you will now see a report on the percentage change in the number of program completers taking and passing assessments for the current and prior year.

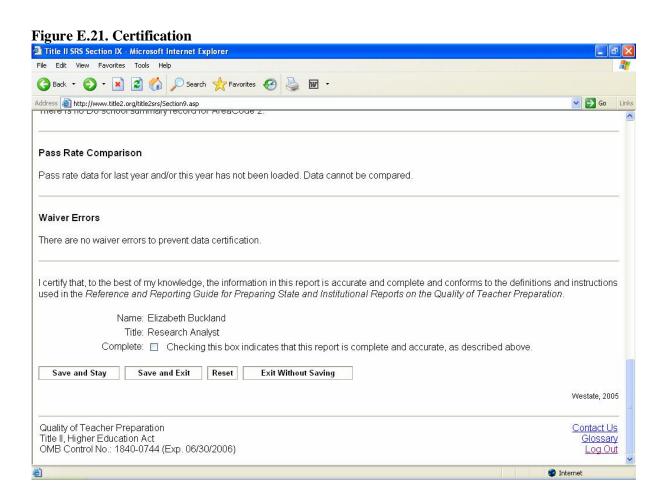
The expanded data verification report, which provides edit check information, is always available in Section IX; you do not need to certify in order to view the report.



You must resolve all outstanding issues listed in Section IX before certifying your data. If your report includes errors (i.e., unanswered questions), follow these instructions, which are listed at the top of Section IX:

- Revisit each unanswered question and answer 'Yes' or 'No' or 'Not applicable' wherever possible.
- If the question contains a text box and there is not an appropriate response, type 'N/A' in the text box.
- If you believe a question should legitimately be left blank, call or email your Westat contact.

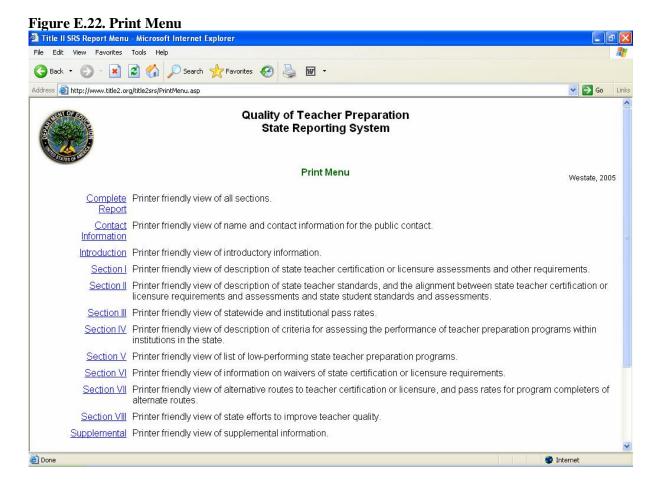
When all sections of the report have been completed, the state Title II Coordinator will select the check box in the **Complete** field (*see Figure E.21*.). Checking this box indicates that the report is complete and that the information in the report is accurate and conforms to the definitions and instructions used in the *Reference and Reporting Guide for Preparing State and Institutional Reports on the Quality of Teacher Preparation. (<i>The Guide* can be found on the Title II web site at **www.title2.org**.) When the box is checked, the data collection system will automatically send the state Coordinator an email indicating that the certification process is complete. In order for the e-mail verification of data certification to work properly, your browser must allow pop-up windows. Please disable any pop-up blockers to use this feature.



E.1.k. Printing Your State Report

From the Report Menu, click on the **Print Menu** link. From the Print Menu (*see Figure E.22*) you may print your complete report, or each section separately. Click on the appropriate section link to view a printer friendly version of the section. To print the section, use your browser print function. For example, if you are using Internet Explorer, you should see a Print button at the top of your browser window. Click on this button to print the page or click on File from the menu at the top of the screen, and then choose Print.

While you may print the entire report at once, we recommend you print each section separately. Depending on your window or browser settings, some sections (Section III, for example) will print better in landscape format. Also, many of the sections can be quite lengthy particularly Section I.e. and Section III. Printing the entire report at once may take <u>several</u> minutes.



E.2. Templates and Uploads

We would prefer that you email your pass rate files to Westat for uploading. Please email your files to your designated Westat contact. If you choose to upload your own files, follow the instructions below. If you should need technical assistance, contact Westat.

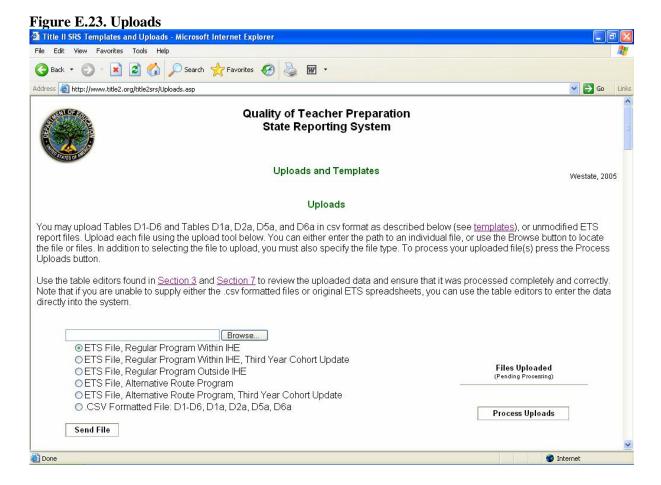
E.2.a. Uploads

From the Main Menu page, click on the **Uploads and Templates** link. You may upload the following files using the Upload tool provided here (*see Figure E.23*.): Tables D1-D6, Tables D1.a-D2.a, Tables D5.a-D6.a, and unmodified ETS report files.

In the text box, type in the path to an individual file, or click on the **Browse** button to select a file to upload. **Be sure to select all the files you wish to upload, and upload all the files at once.** You must also specify the file type by clicking on the appropriate radio button below the text box. The file type must be one of the following:

- file(s) provided by ETS for a regular program within an IHE;
- file(s) provided by ETS for a regular program outside an IHE;
- file(s) provided by ETS for an alternative route program; or
- file(s) in .csv (comma separated values, similar to an Excel file) format for Tables D1-D6, Tables D1.a-D2.a, and Tables D5.a-D6.a.

Use the .csv format if you are not using the standard files provided by ETS (NES states and states generating their own data). *See Part E.2.b. Templates* for instructions on downloading files in this format.



Once you have chosen all the files to upload and specified the file type, click on the **Send File** button to upload all the files.

If each of the files were successfully uploaded, you will see a message stating, "Upload of (file name) was completed successfully."

Once all of the files are uploaded, click on the **Process Uploads** button. You should see a message that states each uploaded file was processed and logged.

Once your files have been uploaded, go to the appropriate section (Section III or VII) of the system to be sure the data were uploaded correctly. If the data were not uploaded correctly, you can enter the data in the appropriate section or contact Westat for assistance.

For additional help on preparing your pass rate files, please see *Pass Rate Tips* below.

Title II Technical Assistance Pass Rate Tips

PASS RATES: The loaded pass rates in Tables D1 and D2 will automatically populate survey Table I.e. (the cut score table), Section I.e. (entry/exit requirements), and Section VII.b. (IHEs with alternative routes). **Please send us or upload your pass rate files as soon as possible**.

Pass rate files will undergo rigorous system checks as they are uploaded. Any errors will be reported immediately to the user in an error message. To avoid some of these errors, please review the checklist below before submitting or uploading pass rate files.

✓ Check List

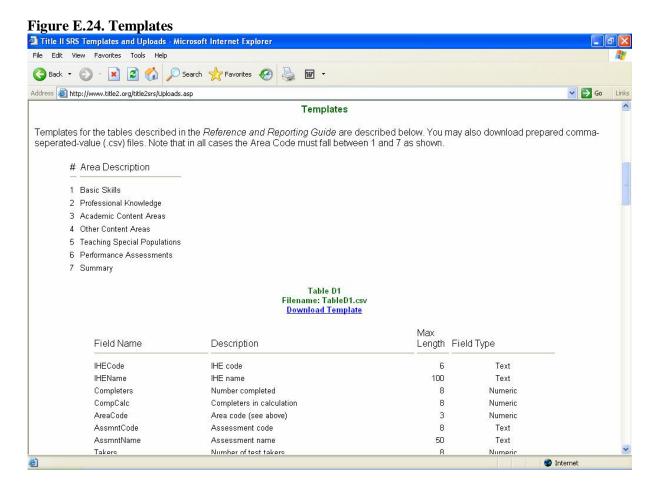
Ц	Files must be in ETS format or match the templates provided on the web-based system (Section III for traditional routes and VII for alternative routes).			
	If you use the templates provided on the web-based system (Sections III and VII), the files CANNOT contain any commas. Make sure that the institutional name and assessment name fields do not contain commas.			
	The Area Code [AreaCode] field is required for <u>every</u> record. All assessments must be assigned an Area Code that indicates the aggregate testing area. There are seven aggregate categories and codes:			
	Code Category 1 Basic Skills 2 Professional Knowledge and Pedagogy 3 Academic Content Areas 4 Other Content Areas 5 Teaching Special Populations 6 Performance 7 Summary			
	IHE Codes [IHECode] (Institution of Higher Education) are required for traditional route Tables D1, D2, D3, D4, D1.a, and D2.a. IHE Codes must be unique to each institution.			
	Program Codes [ProgCode] are required for alternative route pass rate Tables D5, D6, D5.a, and D6.a (alternative route pass rates). Programs may be institutions or they may be outside of IHE's; they should also be unique. You cannot use the IHE codes from Tables D1-D4 in this field.			
	Both IHE and Program codes should match the codes used in prior years.			
	IHE Names [IHEName] are required for traditional route pass rate Tables D1, D2, D3, D4, D1.a, and D2.a.			
	Program Names [ProgName] are required for alternative route pass rate Tables D5, D6, D5.a, and D6.a.			
	Please check the IHE Names and Program Names to ensure uniformity. Verify that the names are spelled properly. If you use abbreviations, make sure they are used consistently.			

The Assessment Code [AssessmentCode] and Assessment Name [AssessmentName] must be unique to each test. They also should match the codes and names given by the testing company and/or your state. Frequently we see incomplete names (for example, Biology rather than Biology Content Knowledge) or inconsistent assessment codes.
The number of test takers [Takers] must be a number equal to or greater than zero, even if it is less than 10. If the record is left blank, it will not be loaded.
The number of completers passing [Passed] should be blank if it is less than 10. It must also be less than or equal to the number of takers.
The pass rate [Passrate] should be blank if there are less than 10 test takers. It should be equal to the number of passers divided by the number of takers.
All institutional pass rates in Table D2 and D2.a (aggregate traditional route pass rates) must be assigned a quartile rank [Quartile] . If a record is blank, a quartile rank is not reported.
There must be a Table D2 record for every school listed in D1. Table D1 collects individual assessment information at the IHE level and D2 collects this IHE information at the aggregate area code level. All schools with assessment information in D1 must be aggregated and listed in D2. This is also the case with D5 and D6, D1.a and D2.a, and D5.a and D6.a.
There must be a D2 (or D2.a) statewide record for each area tested in D1 (or D1.a).
There must be a D1 (or D1.a) statewide record for each assessment in D1 (or D1.a).
There must be a statewide record for each aggregate area code in D6 and D6.a.
If you are using the templates provided on the system, the statewide summary records must use the IHE or Program Code 9999. State summary records must be named "Statename Summary" (Alabama Summary, for example).

E.2.b. Templates

Data templates (pre-formatted Excel spreadsheets) are provided for you to help you report pass rates and other data. Think of these as a library of spreadsheets that have been developed for Title II. These templates are provided in a special format, similar to Excel, called .csv (comma separated values). From the SRS, you can download a data template (spreadsheet), enter data into the template, and upload the file back into the system. Once you have downloaded a file, you can work in that file without being logged into the SRS.

Scrolling down the Uploads and Templates page, you will see descriptions for Tables D1-D6, Tables D1.a-D2.a, and Tables D5.a-D6.a (*see Figure E.24*.).

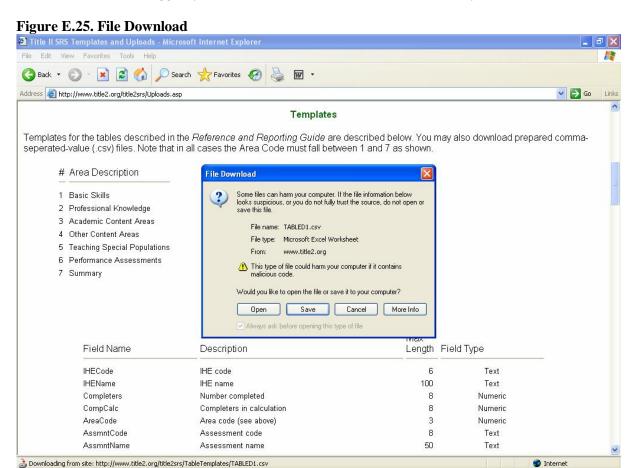


For all of the tables, the Area Code must be a number between 1 & 7. The Area Codes are listed below:

- 1 Basic Skills
- 2 Professional Knowledge
- 3 Academic Content Areas
- 4 Other Content Areas
- 5 Teaching Special Populations
- 6 Performance Assessments
- 7 Summary

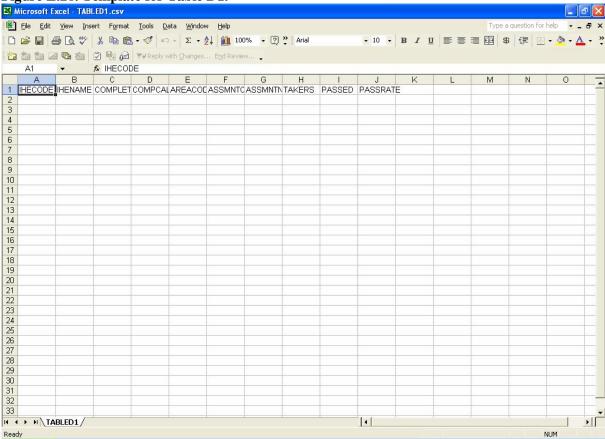
Each table description includes Field Name, Description of the field, Maximum Length allowed in the field, and Field type. Field type is text or numeric, meaning either a number or text is expected and allowed in that particular field.

<u>Download a Template.</u> To download a template, simply click on the **Download Template** link found under each table name. A File Download box will appear (*see Figure E.25.*). Save the file in your desired location. (We suggest you create a Title II folder or diskette and save your files there.)



You can then open the file in Excel. You will see a blank spreadsheet with column headers. *Figure E.26*. is an example of what you would see opening the template for Table D1.

Figure E.26. Template for Table D1.



Once you have saved the spreadsheet on your hard drive or diskette, you can enter the data off-line. You do not need to remain in the SRS to work in the spreadsheet. (You may also enter the data online. See the appropriate section of this manual for instructions.) After you enter data into the template, save it on your hard drive or diskette! The file should automatically save as a .csv file again.

Be sure to remember where you save the template when you download it. After you enter the data, save the template again in the same location.

See Part E.2.a. Uploads for instructions on uploading templates into the SRS.

E.3. Instructions

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From the Main Menu, click on the link for **Instructions**. This page provides basic instructions for using the SRS and also provides links to other resources (*see Figure E.27*.). You will find links to the *Reference and Reporting Guide* here.

Figure E.27. Instructions Title II SRS Instructions - Microsoft Internet Explorer Edit View Favorites Tools Help 🔾 Back 🔻 💮 - 💌 💈 🏠 🔎 Search 🦖 Favorites 🪱 🍃 Address <equation-block> http://www.title2.org/title2srs/Instructions.asp Go Links **Quality of Teacher Preparation State Reporting System** Instructions Westate, 2005 This reporting system is a mechanism by which institutions of higher education and states meet the new reporting requirements on teacher preparation, certification, and licensing mandated by Title II of the Higher Education Act. The Office of Postsecondary Education is responsible for assisting institutions and states in fulfilling the requirements and for issuing the annual report to Congress. The Reference and Reporting Guide is available in PDF format or as a Microsoft Word document to assist states and institutions in preparing their reports. The Guide is for reference purposes only. Paperwork Burden Statement This is a required data collection. Response is not voluntary. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless such collection displays a valid OMB control number. The valid OMB control number for this information collection is 1840-0744 (expiration date: 6/30/2006). The time required for institutions to complete this information collection is estimated to average 66 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. The time required for states to complete this information collection is estimated to average 765 hours per response, including the time to review instructions, search existing data resources, gather the data needed, and complete and review the information collection. If you have any coments concerning the accuracy of the time estimate(s) or suggestions for improving this system, please write to: U.S. Department of Education Washington, DC 20202-4651

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